

*****LEGAL NOTICE***
OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
Dry Creek Project
Environmental Assessment
USDA-Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest
Truckee Ranger District
Nevada and Sierra Counties, California**

The Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest, Truckee Ranger District is seeking comments on the Dry Creek Project. The Dry Creek Project proposes to implement watershed restoration actions at seven site-specific locations along tributaries to or along Dry Creek. In addition, forest ecological restoration actions are proposed on 2,773 acres within the 8,154 acre project area. These actions would be accomplished with a variety of silvicultural and fire/fuels prescriptions aimed at achieving a number of objectives: to create heterogeneous forest stand conditions that would be expected to develop under an active fire regime and that would improve forest resiliency; to enhance the ecological role of fire; to maintain and enhance habitat for the northern goshawk; to reduce hazardous fuel loadings and modify wildland fire behavior; to restore declining aspen stands within unit boundaries, and to manage recreation features, utility corridors, and private land boundaries. The project area lies north of the Town of Truckee, east of Highway 89, and is located in the vicinity of the community of Russel Valley. The legal location is T18N, R16E, Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, T18N, R17E, Sections 5, 7, 8, 9, 18, T19N, R16E, Sections 25, 35, 36, and T19N, R17E, Sections 30, 31. The preliminary Dry Creek Project Environmental Assessment is available for review at the Truckee Ranger District, 10811 Stockrest Springs Rd, Truckee, CA 96161; or on-line at <http://fs.usda.gov/projects/tahoe/landmanagement/projects>

This project is subject to the pre-decisional administrative review (objection) process pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only those who submit timely and project-specific written comments during a designated opportunity for public comment are eligible to file a subsequent objection. Individuals or representatives from an entity submitting timely and project-specific written comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

The Forest Service will accept comments on this proposal for 30 days following publication of this opportunity to comment legal notice, which is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Commenters should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the commenter's responsibility to ensure that their comments are received by the Forest Service in a timely manner (36 CFR 218.25).

Written comments should be submitted to: Truckee Ranger District; Attn: Dry Creek EA; Truckee Ranger District, 10811 Stockrest Springs Rd, Truckee, CA 96161. Comments may be submitted by FAX (530) 587-6914 or by hand-delivery to the address shown above during business hours (Monday-Saturday 8:00am to 4:30pm). Electronic comments, in common (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt, etc.) formats, may be submitted to: FS-comments-pacificsouthwest-tahoe-truckee@fs.fed.us with Subject: Dry Creek EA. Names of commenters will be part of the public record subject to the Freedom of Information Act. For additional information, contact Karie Wiltshire, at the Truckee Ranger District; (530) 587-3558.

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